

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2192  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**SPIKE IN EDIBLE OIL PRICES**

**2192. SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY:**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recognized the factors that have led to the spike in edible oil prices recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of measures taken by the Government to ease the burden on small-scale food businesses as household consumers?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

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- (a): Yes Sir. **(detail in Annexure-I)**
- (b): The increase in domestic prices are due to following factors:
  - (i) Domestic production of edible oils is unable to meet domestic demand. The short fall which is around **57%** is met through imports. The Domestic prices are largely governed by International prices
  - (ii) The Government had increased the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on various edible oils to support domestic oilseed farmers and oilseed prices. The Basic Customs Duty on Crude Soybean Oil, Crude Palm Oil, and Crude Sunflower Oil was raised from 0% to 20%, making the effective duty on crude oils to 27.5%. Additionally, the BCD on Refined Palm Oil, Refined Sunflower Oil, and Refined Soybean Oil was increased from 12.5% to 32.5% making the effective duty on Refined oils as 35.75% w.e.f. 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
  - (iii) There was simultaneously significant increase in the international prices of imported edible oils resulting in higher landed cost, in addition to the increase due to duty hike. **(detail in Annexure-II).**

(c): To control the domestic prices, Government had issued advisory to leading Edible Oil Associations to maintain MRP of edible oils. Further, the Government closely monitors the international and domestic prices of Edible Oils and keeping in mind the interest of the consumers, domestic farmers and edible oil industry, the Government makes necessary policy interventions to keep the prices affordable.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2192 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA.

<b>Edible Oil Prices</b>					
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Retail Price (Rs./Ltr.)</b>				
	<b>Date</b>	<b>ONE MONTH</b>	<b>ONE YEAR</b>		
	<b>06-03-2025</b>	<b>06-02-2025</b>	<b>06-03-2024</b>	<b>1 Month</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Groundnut Oil</b>	174.9	175.8	172.0	-0.51%	1.67%
<b>Mustard Oil</b>	153.1	153.6	122.9	-0.29%	24.56%
<b>Soyabean Oil</b>	132.3	131.2	111.6	0.83%	18.50%
<b>Sunflower Oil</b>	143.6	140.9	111.7	1.93%	28.56%
<b>RBD Palmolein</b>	125.3	123.3	89.8	1.69%	39.54%
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Wholesale Price (Rs./Ltr.)</b>				
	<b>Date</b>	<b>ONE MONTH</b>	<b>ONE YEAR</b>		
	<b>06-03-2025</b>	<b>06-02-2025</b>	<b>06-03-2024</b>	<b>1 Month</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Groundnut Oil</b>	164.9	165.0	159.9	-0.05%	3.09%
<b>Mustard Oil</b>	144.3	144.4	114.8	-0.06%	25.73%
<b>Soyabean Oil</b>	123.9	122.2	103.1	1.43%	20.18%
<b>Sunflower Oil</b>	136.4	133.1	104.1	2.44%	31.00%
<b>RBD Palmolein</b>	118.6	116.1	83.1	2.13%	42.76%
<b>Source- DoCA</b>					

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**Annexure II**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO.2192 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA.**

<b>International Prices (USD/MT)</b>					
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>ONE MONTH</b>	<b>ONE YEAR</b>		
	<b>06-03-2025</b>	<b>06-02-2025</b>	<b>06-03-2024</b>	<b>1 Month</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Crude Soyabean Oil</b>	1040	1020	875	1.96%	18.86%
<b>Crude Sunflower Oil</b>	1130	1100	855	2.73%	32.16%
<b>Crude Palm Oil</b>	1150	1120	935	2.68%	22.99%
<b>RBD Palmolein</b>	1100	1070	895	2.80%	22.91%
<b>Source: SEAI</b>					

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